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**APPARATUS, METHOD AND PROGRAM FOR FORMULATING AND SOLVING  
PROBLEMS OVER A NETWORK**

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Europe	00 119 125.3	September 4, 2000	Yes
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